

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant wishes to greatly thank Primary Examiner Gesesse for his generosity shown in conducting two telephonic interviews with Applicant's agent, Robert G. Hartman, on January 23, 2007, and January 31, 2007.

During the interviews, Applicant's agent submitted differences between U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0183059 to Noreen et al. (hereinafter, "Noreen") and the claimed subject matter. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's agent proposed to amend independent claim 1 to further clarify features of Applicant's claims. While no agreement was reached, Applicant's agent understood the Primary Examiner to agree that Applicant's amendment contained herein would at least overcome the outstanding §102 rejections based on Noreen. The Examiner also indicated that he would need to update his search.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended as discussed during the second interview. Applicant once again thanks the Primary Examiner for his time and insight.